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# 50 YEARS OF THE ASTORIA SCANDINAVIAN MIDSUMMER FESTIVAL

## Tradition!

This is what the Astoria Scandinavian Midsummer Festival is all about: The celebration of traditions and customs that our families brought to the U.S. from their homeland.

My family immigrated and kept their traditions and customs alive as did many other families from the five Scandinavian countries. I, along with many others, celebrate our ability to keep these traditions alive for ours and future generations to come.

Our beautiful festival is celebrating the amazing milestone of 50 years — 50 years of Danish, Finnish, Icelandic, Norwegian and Swedish entertainment, food, music, court members, anthems, volunteers and a multitude of memories to share with future

Astoria Scandinavian Midsummer Festival



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generations.

I urge anyone who has been involved with the Astoria Scandinavian Midsummer Festival in years past to attend and see the wonder-

ful festival our volunteers have put together for you to enjoy this year. It is also an invitation to those who have never experienced our festival to come and see what you have been missing all the years. You need not be Scandinavian to enjoy all that we have to offer! The volunteers have worked hard to put together a celebration of honoring the past with an eye on the future.

As the current festival chairperson, I welcome you to come and share the memories, renew old friendships, meet new friends and make new memories at an amazing festival centered on traditions old and new.

Come and take pride in your heritage, or experience the traditions of a culture new to you. Kiitos!

*Leila (Koskela) Collier,  
Chair, Astoria Scandinavian  
Midsummer Festival*

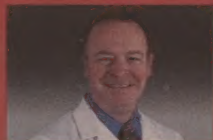


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# Festival Entertainment

## HARALD HAUGAARD / HELENE BLUM BAND FROM DENMARK

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Two of Denmark's finest artists come together to perform traditional and contemporary Danish music with great passion and virtuosity. Beautiful old Danish ballads are gently blended with flashy, impossibly pretty fiddle tunes — all presented with great passion and presence.

Performances in the arena:

6 p.m., Friday, June 16  
10:45 a.m., Saturday, June 17  
12:30 p.m., Saturday, June 17  
2:15 p.m., Saturday, June 17  
10:30 a.m., Sunday, June 18  
1:30 p.m., Sunday, June 18

## AALLOTAR FROM FINLAND / MINNESOTA

"Accordion and fiddle in

chamber folk style"

Ancestors of Sara Pajunen and Teija Niku lived within hours of each other in western Finland — speaking the same language, playing the same music, living the same culture. In the late 19th century, Pajunen's ancestors emigrated to northern Minnesota; Niku's family remained in Finland. Today, they explore a common heritage in Finnish folk music, even as they create new sounds that reflect their contemporary cultures and various interests.

Performances:  
5 p.m., Saturday, June 17 – Exhibit Hall  
6 p.m., Saturday, June 17 – Exhibit Hall  
11 a.m., Sunday, June 18 (special music during the church service) – Exhibit Hall  
12:30 p.m., Sunday, June 18 – arena

2:30 p.m., Sunday, June 18 – arena



## ARRIVAL, Canada's ABBA Tribute Band

One performance only! Extra charge applies.  
7:30 p.m., Saturday, June 17.

Doors open at 7 p.m.  
ARRIVAL ticket includes festival admission after 5 p.m.

How do you celebrate 50 years of successful Scandinavian Midsummer Festivals? In a big way, for sure! That's why we've invited ARRIVAL, Canada's tribute to ABBA, for a special performance at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, June 17. "Dancing Queen," "Mama Mia," "Take a Chance on Me," "Knowing You, Knowing Me" — all of your favorites will be included.

This 50th anniversary special event requires a special ticket: \$15 general admission; \$25 reserve seating. The concert ticket includes admission to the festival after 5 p.m. Come for dinner and the concert. If you arrive before 5 p.m., you will need to purchase a festival admission wristband good for all three days. Arena doors open at 7 p.m. and the concert starts at 7:30 p.m. There will be a public dance with live music by Scandinavian Country immediately following the concert.

## ASTOR STREET OPRY — "SHANGHAIED IN ASTORIA"

Now in its 32nd season,

"Shanghai'd in Astoria" is part-vaudeville, part-soap opera, part 1950s-style Hollywood musical, all combined into a fun and entertaining look at traditional local cultural folklore, including immigrant cannery workers from Scandinavia. What originated as a celebration of Astoria tradition has become a tradition in itself, and you don't want to miss it! Catch "Shanghai'd" cast members performing their olio acts in the beer garden at the festival Saturday.

Performances:  
1 p.m., Saturday, June 17 – beer garden  
3 p.m., Saturday, June 17 – beer garden  
5 p.m., Saturday, June 17 – beer garden

## LEIKARRINGEN OF PORTLAND DANCERS

"Leikarringen" means "circle" or "round dance." Leikarringen of Portland's priority is the preservation of Nordic culture. Dances are generally fast-paced, and Leikarringen has their own group of musicians who play traditional instruments.

Performances:  
11:45 p.m., Saturday, June 17 – arena  
3:15 p.m., Saturday, June 17 – arena

## NORDIC VIKING DANCERS

Astoria's longstanding dance group includes dancers from second grade to adults. The Nordic Dancers are the youngest group; several members are performing at their first midsummer festival. Experienced teenage dancers make up the Viking Dancers but adults also participate. This group is always open to new members. The Nordic Viking Dancers are led by Kevin Ladd and Bev Hoofnagle.

Performances:  
7 p.m., Friday, June 16 – Queen's Coronation

10 a.m., Saturday, June 17 – arena  
3:30 p.m., Saturday, June 17 – arena  
11:30 a.m., Sunday, June 18 – arena

## RYAN PHILLIPS

Ryan Phillips grew up in Astoria and learned to play accordion at home and in the community. Catch him in the dining area of the Exhibit Hall during breakfast Saturday and Sunday.

Performances:  
8 to 8:30 p.m., Friday, June 16 – at Bonfire and Hex Burning  
8 to 10 a.m., Saturday, June 17 – Exhibit Hall  
9 to 10:30 a.m., Sunday, June 18 – Exhibit Hall

## SCANDINAVIAN COUNTRY

Returning for the Queen's Ball on Friday evening after the Coronation will be local favorite Coreen Bergholm and her band, Scandinavian Country. This is the band that plays the local favorite dances, like the Varsouienne, the Butterly and the Irish Waltz, as well as polkas, schottisches, waltzes and hambos. They even play the Chicken Dance and the Hokey Pokey!

Performances:  
8 to 10:30 p.m., Friday, June 16 – Queen's Ball in the Exhibit Hall  
9 to 11 p.m., Saturday, June 17 – Scandinavian Ball in the Exhibit Hall

## THE SQUEEZER AND THE GEEZER

Coreen Bergholm learned to play accordion in an immigrant community in North Dakota and now spends winters performing around Yuma, Arizona, where she met Ken Presthus, a tuba and trombone player. Enjoy their music and shenanigans in the beer garden!

Performances:

2 p.m., Saturday, June 17 – beer garden  
4 p.m., Saturday, June 17 – beer garden

## VASA YOUTH GROUP

The littlest dancers at the festival come from Portland and will lead the dancing around the Midsummer Pole and perform in the arena.

Performances:  
Noon, Saturday, June 17 – dancing at the Midsummer Pole on the front lawn  
1:30 p.m., Saturday, June 17 – arena

## VIKING ENCAMPMENT BY THE EMPIRE OF CHIVALRY AND STEEL

The Empire of Chivalry and Steel specializes in the recreation of the culture of the Middle Ages, including the art forms, events (feasts, tournaments, ceremonies and wars) and combat arts from that period. Empire of Chivalry and Steel participants open their Viking Encampment to the public Saturday and Sunday, and provide demonstrations of Viking fighting and amour making Saturday and Sunday afternoons.

Encampment open:  
10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday, June 17 – outdoors  
10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Sunday, June 18 – outdoors  
Demonstrations:  
1 p.m., Saturday, June 17 – Viking Demonstrations – outdoors  
2 p.m., Saturday, June 17 – Chainmail Making – outdoors  
3 p.m., Saturday, June 17 – Loom Demonstration – outdoors  
Noon, Sunday, June 18 – Loom Demonstration – outdoors  
1 p.m., Sunday, June 18 – Viking Demonstrations – outdoors  
2 p.m., Sunday, June 18 – Chainmail Making – outdoors



## PLAYHOUSE CALENDAR

### 33rd Season of SHANGHAIED IN ASTORIA

Thursdays through Saturday: 7pm  
July 7 - September 9  
Sunday Matinees: 2pm  
July 16, Aug. 6 & Sept. 9

### THE BIRDS

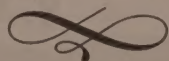
Fridays and Saturdays: 7pm  
October 6-7, 13-14 & 20-21  
Sunday Matinee: 2pm  
October 15

### ANNUAL FUNDRAISER

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### SCROOGED IN ASTORIA

Fridays and Saturdays: 7pm  
December 1-2, 8-9, 15-16 & 21-22  
Sunday Matinees: 2pm  
December 10 & 17



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# Festival Events

Friday, June 16, 2017

## BOOTHS OPEN

2 to 6:30 p.m. – arena

Visit the midsummer vendors to find specialty Scandinavian items and handcrafted treasures. Many booths offer Scandinavian food items for your dining and snacking pleasure.

## ENTERTAINMENT

6 to 7 p.m. – arena stage

The Harald Hugaard / Helene Blum Band from Denmark will entertain prior to the Queen Coronation. Enjoy their folk jazz from Scandinavia.

## BEER GARDEN OPEN

3 to 11 p.m.

Astoria Brewing Company will present a selection of award-winning handcrafted microbrews and a limited menu.

## BEEF DINNER

HOSTED BY OLNEY GRANGE

4:30 to 7 p.m. (or until supply runs out) – Exhibit Hall

Beef pot roast, baked potato, green beans, roll, salad, pie, beverage, \$13; children under 11, \$7.

## QUEEN'S CORONATION

7 p.m. – arena

Princesses sponsored by the Danish Society, Finnish Brotherhood, Sons of Norway and VASA Swedish Lodge will speak about their Scandinavian heritage. A panel of judges will select one to reign as Miss Scandinavia 2017. Soloists from the community will sing the national songs of Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden. The Nordic Viking Dancers will perform traditional folk dances.

## TORCHLIGHT PARADE TO BONFIRE AND HEX BURNING

8 p.m. approximately (following the Queen's coronation) – parking area  
Scandia men with flaming torches will lead the newly crowned Miss Scandinavia and audience members to the bonfire to throw straw hexes into the flames. This Danish tradition symbolizes ridding oneself of bad luck for the year.

## QUEEN'S FAMILY BALL WITH SCANDINAVIAN COUNTRY

8 to 10:30 p.m. – Exhibit Hall

Miss Scandinavia and her father or special partner will lead the first dance of the 2017 Midsummer Festival. Tonight's the night if you like the Chicken Dance and Hokey Pokey, and the locals' favorites: the Butterfly and the Varsovienne. Scandinavian Country of Astoria will be providing the tunes. It's your turn.

to participate and dance a waltz, schottische, polka, snoa, humppa or other favorite Scandinavian dance. Join the dancing or watch the dancers and listen to great music.

Saturday, June 17, 2017

## MIDNIGHT SUN BREAKFAST

SERVED BY SCANDINAVIAN CAFÉ OF VANCOUVER, WASHINGTON

7 to 11 a.m. – Exhibit Hall

Buffet: Norwegian Järlsberg egg cake, Finnish Pyttipannu (Scandinavian pan-fried scramble of potato, onions, sausage and egg), Swedish pancakes with whipped cream and strawberries, Norwegian Rommegrot (sour cream porridge/pudding with cinnamon and sugar), Lefse (fresh off the griddle), Scandinavian cheese, Shrimp and salmon lox, Fresh assorted breads, fruit, fresh-baked Danish pastry, Coffee, orange juice, water, \$10; kids 6 and under: \$5

## RUNNING OF THE TROLLS

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8:30 a.m. – Walluski area

The 13th annual Running of the Trolls is a walk or run in the beautiful Walluski countryside. Proceeds from the race will benefit the Scandinavian Midsummer Festival Association Scholarship Fund. Registration is available online or at the festival. Check-in is from 7 to 8 a.m. Saturday in the Main Entry Hall.

## BOOTHS

9 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. – arena

Visit the midsummer vendors to find specialty Scandinavian items and handcrafted treasures. Many booths offer Scandinavian food items for your dining and snacking pleasure.

## ENTERTAINMENT

10 a.m. to 5 p.m., arena

Noon to 6 p.m., beer garden

There will be live Scandinavian-themed entertainment on two stages throughout most of the day. Pick up a festival program at the admission table or view one of the posted schedules to find your favorite band, singer or dance troupe. The Harald Hugaard/Helene Blum Band from Denmark will entertain three times in the arena. The show varies each performance so try to catch them all. The Astor Street Opry will entertain three times in the beer garden with oleo acts from Shangaied in Astoria.

## EMPIRE OF CHIVALRY AND STEEL VIKING ENCAMPMENT

10 a.m. to 6 p.m. – outdoors

The Empire of Chivalry and Steel will hold an open house in their Viking encampment out-

doors south of the Arena. Costumed reenactors will demonstrate crafts, tournaments, armor making and combat arts from the culture of the Middle Ages.

## TUG OF WAR

10:30 a.m. – outdoors by Midsummer Pole

Teams of eight will vie to be champion. Participants must be in good health and sign a waiver.

## BEER GARDEN

11 a.m. to 11 p.m.

Astoria Brewing Company will present a selection of award-winning handcrafted microbrews and a limited menu. The Astor Street Opry will present its standing-room only show of oleo acts from "Shangaied in Astoria" at 1, 3 and 5 p.m. There will be additional live music with The Squeezer and the Geezer (Coreen and Ken) in the afternoon.

## BARNEFEST

11 a.m. to 5 p.m. – arena

Young festival attendees can participate in children's activities in the Barnefest area. This area is staffed by volunteers from Tongue Point Job Corps Center, the Nordic Viking Dancers, and by parents. Children under 12

need to be accompanied by an adult. There are inexpensive games (fishing, wheel spin, plinko, golf and bean bag toss), face painting and a raffle. Puppet show at 1:30 p.m.: "Ivar, the Short but Brave Viking" by Annie Jacobsen and "The Princess and the Pea" by Hans Christian Andersen; puppet show at 3 p.m.: "Ivar, the Short but Brave Viking" by Annie Jacobsen and "The Three Billy Goats Gruff" by Christen Asbjornsen.

## OPTOG – FESTIVAL PARADE

11:30 a.m. – festival grounds

Miss Scandinavia and her court, costumed dancers and entertainers, representatives from the Scandinavian lodges, and family groups will assemble in the dining area of the Exhibit Hall and then parade through the arena and festival grounds to the outdoor stage for the Flag Raising and Midsummer Pole ceremony.

## FLAG RAISING

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## MIDSUMMER POLE RAISING

Noon – outdoor stage

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assist in the pageantry of the raising of the flags of these Scandinavian countries. Follow the Queen and her court to the Midsummer Pole while local men (and volunteers!) skillfully raise the Midsummer pole. Jorgen will play tunes for ring dancing led by Christine Smith and the dancers from VASA Youth of Portland. (In case of rain, flag raising will be moved to the Exhibit Hall.)

### KUBB EXHIBITION AND TOURNAMENT

**1 to 3 p.m. – Midsummer Pole**  
Kubb is pronounced "koob" and is a yard game of Scandinavian origins that has been played for about 1,000 years. Show up at 1 p.m. on Saturday in front of the Midsummer Pole to join a team and be part of the Kubb exhibition. No prior skills are required. All are welcome.

### PARADE OF COSTUMES

**1 p.m. – Exhibit Hall**  
Are you curious about the lovely costumes worn by representatives of the Scandinavian countries? Come hear them explained in a fashion show with live models.

### SCANDINAVIAN COURT AND DANCERS REUNIONS FOLLOWED BY CAKE RECEPTION

**2 to 4 p.m. – Exhibit Hall**  
Our 50th anniversary special activities include

reunions of previous Scandinavian courts and queens, and Nordic, Viking or Scandia dance groups of the past. There will be photos and a cake and coffee reception.

### AEBELSKIVER AND MEATBALL-EATING CONTESTS

**3 p.m. – Exhibit Hall**  
How many aebleskiver (Danish donuts) or Swedish meatballs can you eat in three minutes with your hands behind your back? Participants must be in good health and sign a waiver. 18 or older. There will be prizes!

### VIKING DINNER SERVED BY SCANDINAVIAN CAFÉ OF VANCOUVER, WASHINGTON

**4 to 7 p.m. – Exhibit Hall**  
Buffet: Danish Pork Roulade (Danish-style pork roast rolled with apricots and prunes), Danish ham with cream sauce, Swedish meatballs in brown cream gravy, Medister Polse (Norwegian pork sausage), braised red cabbage, Janneson's Temptation (a traditional Swedish casserole made of potatoes, onions, pickled sprats, bread crumbs and cream), garden salad, Danish Smørrebrød (open-faced sandwiches), shrimp and herring salad, Nordic cheeses, fresh-baked bread and crisps, cream-filled pastry shells drizzled in dark chocolate, cookies and pastries, soda, coffee and bottled water. \$15; kids 6 and under: \$7

### ARRIVAL, CANADA'S ABBA TRIBUTE BAND CONCERT

**7:30 to 9 p.m. – arena (doors open at 7 p.m.)**  
This 50th anniversary special event requires a special ticket: \$15 general admission; \$25 reserve seating is sold out. The concert ticket includes admission to the festival after 5 p.m. If you arrive before 5 p.m., you will need to purchase a festival admission wristband good for all three days.

Playing hundreds of sold-out live shows, Canada's ABBA tribute band ARRIVAL has a sound and stage show that has been honed and fine-tuned to such a degree that they have many times actually been mistaken for the real ABBA. The crowd loves to sing along with ABBA's famous and well-known tunes during ARRIVAL's exciting high-energy live stage show. Come to the Clatsop County Fairgrounds on Saturday, June 17, and relive the magic of "Dancing Queen," "I Do, I Do, I Do, I Do, I Do," "Knowing Me, Knowing You," and "Mama Mia" just to name a few.

### SCANDINAVIAN BALL WITH SCANDINAVIAN COUNTRY

**9 to 11 p.m. – Exhibit Hall**  
Local favorite Coreen Bergholm will return with her band Scandinavian Country to provide music for dancing. Dance the Chicken Dance and Hokey Pokey and the locals' favorites: the Butterly and the Varsouvienne. It's your turn to participate and dance a waltz, schottische, polka, snoa, humpapa or other favorite Scandinavian dance. Join the dancing or watch the dancers and listen to this great music.

**Sunday, June 18, 2017**

### PANNUKAKKU BREAKFAST SERVED BY ASTORIA ROTARY CLUB

**7 to 11 a.m. – Exhibit Hall**  
Finnish pancake, ham, fruit cup, coffee, tea, juice or milk. \$6 for adults and kids.

### BOOTHS OPEN

**9 a.m. to 4 p.m. – arena**  
Visit the midsummer vendors to find specialty Scandinavian items and handcrafted treasures. Many booths offer Scandinavian food items for your dining and snacking pleasure.

### ENTERTAINMENT

**10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. – arena**  
There will be live Scandinavian-themed entertainment throughout most of the day. Pick up a festival program at the admission table or view one of the posted schedule to find your favorite band, singer or dance troupe. Featured entertainers from Denmark, the Harald Haugegard / Helene Blum Band and the accordion fiddle duo AALLOTAR from Finland will each perform twice. Shows vary each performance so try to catch them all.

### EMPIRE OF CHIVALRY AND STEEL VIKING ENCAMPMENT

**10 a.m. to 4 p.m. – outdoors**  
The Empire of Chivalry and Steel will hold an open house in their Viking encampment outdoors south of the Arena. Costumed reenactors will demonstrate crafts, tournaments, armor making and combat arts from the culture of the Middle Ages.  
Noon – Loom demonstration  
1 p.m. – Viking demonstration  
2 p.m. – Chainmail making

### BARNEFEST

**11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. – arena**  
Young festival attendees can participate in children's activities in the Barnefest area. Children under 12 need to be accompanied by an adult. There are inexpensive games and a puppet show at 1 p.m.

### NON-DENOMINATIONAL CHURCH SERVICE

**10:30 a.m. – Exhibit Hall**  
Join us for a non-denominational church service hosted by a local minister. AALLOTAR of Finland will present the special music.

### AEBELSKIVER AND MEATBALL EATING CONTEST

**3:30 p.m. – arena stage**  
How many aebleskiver (Danish donuts) or Swedish meatballs can you eat in three minutes with your hands behind your back? Participants must be in good health and sign a waiver. 18 or older. There will be prizes!

### BARNEFEST RAFFLE

**3:30 p.m. – Exhibit Hall**  
Who will win the great prizes donated by community members and businesses to support the children's activity area?

### FESTIVAL RAFFLE

**4 p.m. – Exhibit Hall**  
Who will win the raffle grand prize of \$1,000 and other beautiful prizes donated by the Scandinavian Festival Association and lodges and businesses? Did you buy your tickets? Join us on Sunday to learn who the winners are. You need not be present to win.

### FLAG CEREMONY AND FESTIVAL CLOSING

**4:30 p.m., Exhibit Hall**  
The 2017 Scandinavian Midsummer Festival ends as the national songs of Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden are sung one more time, and the flags leave the hall. Say goodbye to your friends and family and make plans to join us again in 2018 for our 51st anniversary festival.

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Booth #	Booth Name
1	Finnish Brotherhood Auxiliary
2	Lower Columbia Danish Society
3	Astor Lodge #215
4	Bohrers Originals, The
5	Baskets from OZ
6	Josephson's Smokehouse
7	FinnWare
8	Hovden Formal Farmwear & Scandinavian Birdhouses
9A	Handcrafted by Carl
9B	Folk Art of Norway
10, 22	Desiree of Sweden (2 booths)
11	Lingonberry Smoothies (Caffe Molca LLC)
12	Nomadic Artistry
13, 14	Steve/Audrey Ullakko
15	Nordic Folklore Art
16	Woven Traditions
18	C & T Global
19	Nordiskal
20	Decorative Painting
21	Svea Breads
22, 10	Desiree of Sweden
23	DK Butik
24	Scandinavian Workshop
25	Sons of Norway
26	Daughters of Norway
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28, 36A	<b>INFORMATION BOOTH</b>
29	Krumkake & Tarts
30	Judy's Painted Treasures
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32	Ice-Ame
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35	Johan Vineyards
36B	Pinokeeo's
37B	Mouse Factory
38	Knitting Mills
39	Art by Faina
40	Ronni Harris
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42	Joska's Jewelry Creations
43	Secret Dragon Collect
44	Whichcraft
45A	DJ's Food & Gifts
45B	Nordic Trader
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48	PEO Chapter
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50, 51, 52	Rolling River Spirits (Aquavit)
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54A	Swedish Kardamon Swedish Bakery
54B	Astor Street Opry Co.
55	Chimnik
56	Vintage Scandinavian
57	Nordic Northwest
58	Melting Pot Candy
59	Renewal by Anderson
60	INGA
61	Skamokawa Farmstead Creamery
62	Ponytail Country

Exhibit Hall Viking-Nordic Dancers  
Exhibit Hall ASMFA HISTORY BOOTH

## THIS YEAR,

we are excited to have the largest number of vendors participating in our 50th anniversary celebration. We have several new vendors, as well as many past favorites.

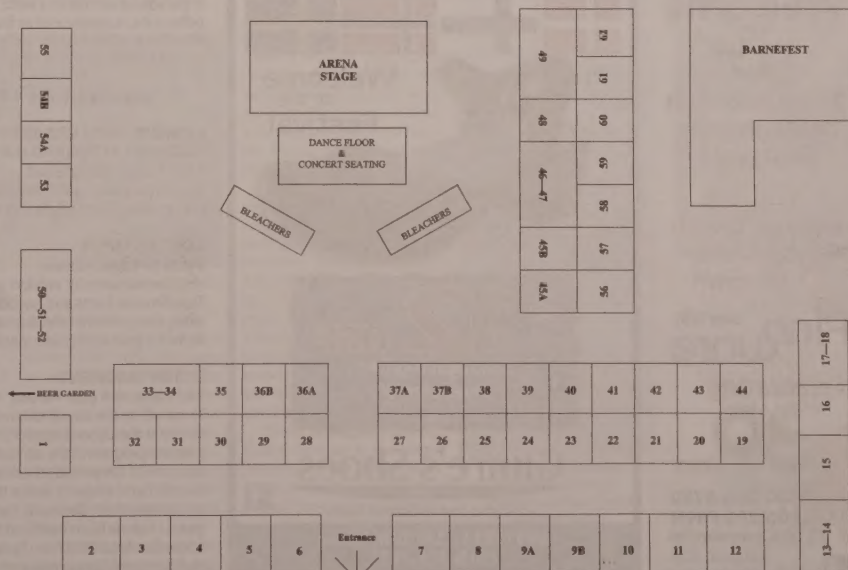
There will be a variety of Scandinavian gifts and accessories including, crafts, artwork, jewelry, clothing, handmade items and home decor.

Be sure to bring your appetite, because our food vendors and local lodges will be serving traditional Scandinavian foods, such as Danish Aebleskiver, Finnish Fruit Soup, Norwegian Lefse and Swedish Pea Soup, as well as many other popular Scandinavian delicacies. Alcoholic and nonalcoholic beverages will also be available.

With more than 60 booths to explore, there will surely be something that will catch your eye or entice your taste buds. Come join us for a weekend of fun for all ages.



Submitted photo





# Festival Court



**FESTIVAL COURT**  
2016 MISS SCANDINAVIA  
**Megan McCall-DeVos**



Megan, the daughter of Michelle and Jonathan DeVos, is a sophomore at Western Oregon University studying business management and dance. She is excited to crown the next Miss Scandinavia and see what the future holds for the court.



**SENIOR COURT**  
CHAPERONE  
**Sharon Hale**



**JUNIOR COURT**  
CHAPERONE  
**Emily Falleur**

Scandinavian by marriage, Sharon first connected with Scandinavian traditions in 1973, when she and her husband moved from Montana to Astoria. Their daughter was Junior Miss Norway and, later, Senior Miss Norway.

Emily Falleur and her husband have two children, Kaylee and Maggie (this year's Junior Miss Sweden). Emily represented Denmark as Junior Miss Denmark in 1983 and Senior Miss Denmark in 1992.



**FESTIVAL COURT**  
CROWN BEARER  
**Wyatt Jackson**



Wyatt, the only male on the 2017 Scandinavian Court, is a third-grader at Warrenton Grade School. His ancestry includes Finnish, Swedish, Danish and Norwegian. He has attended every festival since birth and has danced with the Viking Nordic Dancers for the past two years.



**SENIOR COURT**  
SENIOR MISS DENMARK  
**Sophie Hansen**



Sophie Hansen, the daughter of Stacey Hansen and the late Michael Funk, is a junior at Knappa High School. Her Danish heritage comes from her mother's side of the family, specifically her great-great grandfather. She has been a member of the volleyball, wrestling, track and forestry teams.



**SENIOR COURT**  
SENIOR MISS FINLAND  
**Megan Schacher**



Megan is a junior at Astoria High School and a member of the Finnish Brotherhood. She works on estate sales, in construction, lifeguards at the Astoria Aquatic Center and commercial fishing for Pacific Bounty. Her great-great-grandparents came from Finland in 1909.



**SENIOR COURT**  
SENIOR MISS NORWAY  
**Maya McGill**



Maya, a sophomore at Seaside High School, is on the school swim and robotics teams. Her parents are David and Jana McGill. Her grandmother on her father's side arrived from Norway in the United States in 1957. Maya is a former Junior Miss Norway and has visited relatives in Norway five times.



**SENIOR COURT**  
SENIOR MISS SWEDEN  
**Kara Dowaliby**



Kara, a junior at Warrenton High School, is the daughter of Todd and Dixie Dowaliby. She has been a Viking Nordic Dancer for ten years, and performed with the group in Disneyland twice. She was Junior Miss Sweden in 2007. Kara's family has been involved with the Astoria Midsummer Festival for three generations.



**JUNIOR COURT**  
JUNIOR MISS DENMARK  
**Norah Alsbury**



Norah is a second-grader at Warrenton Grade School. Her Danish relatives arrived in the U.S. four generations ago. Her mother was Junior Miss Denmark in 1987 and Senior Miss Denmark in 1997. Her sister was Junior Miss Denmark in 2015. Norah likes trying all the different Scandinavian foods at the festival.



**JUNIOR COURT**  
JUNIOR MISS FINLAND  
**Georgia Sutton**



Georgia, a second-grader at Hilda Lahti Elementary in Knappa, is the daughter of Josh and Laura Sutton. Georgia loves to play sports, such as basketball and softball. Her Finnish relatives immigrated to North Dakota six generations ago.



**JUNIOR COURT**  
JUNIOR MISS NORWAY  
**Augusta Hayrynen**



Augusta is a second-grader at Astor Elementary. She has Norwegian and Finnish heritage; both come from her father's side. Her family have volunteered for the festival for set-up and tear-down for many years. Augusta enjoys the dancing at the festival because it's fun.



**JUNIOR COURT**  
JUNIOR MISS ICELAND  
**Jenna Karnofski**



Jenna, a second-grader, is proud to represent her Icelandic heritage in the festival. Her parents are Carole and Marc Simmons, and Jarrod and Vinessa Karnofski. She is both Finnish and Icelandic. Jenna's great-great-grandmother, immigrated to North Dakota in 1894.



**JUNIOR COURT**  
JUNIOR MISS SWEDEN  
**Maggie Falleur**



Maggie, a first-grader at Astor Elementary, is the daughter of Emily and Tom Falleur. Her great-great-grandfathers arrived in the U.S. from Sweden and Denmark as teenagers; her great-great-grandmother came from Norway. She volunteers at the festival, including assisting with the Troll Run.





Carol Obie

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## CAROL OBIE

### INSPIRATION FOR ORIGINAL SCANDINAVIAN MIDSUMMER FESTIVAL

What began as a Brownie Troop that performed Norwegian dances for the Girl Scouts' International Festival under the leadership of Carol Obie officially became the Astoria Scandinavian Folk Dancers in 1964.

This troop grew in popularity and, accompanied by supportive chaperone moms, began traveling the region to perform at various events. One of these events was the Junction City Scandinavian Festival, where Carol became inspired and asked: "Why couldn't Astoria have their own festival?"

Listed in the very first 1968 program for the "Astoria Scandinavian Midsummer Night Festival," you find the people Carol rallied together to spearhead the idea: "Chairman - Carol Obie; Co-Chairman - Shirley Tinner and Nelly Norman; Committee: Annie Salo, Helen Perttu, Elsa Rautio, Ed Niska, Arvid & Rose Jacobsen, Ellen Madsen, Hilda Andersen, Clara John-



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son, Jordis Tetli, and the mothers of the Scandinavian Folk Dancers."

Carol did research to find out what types of activities were part of festivals in Scandinavia and the U.S. With creativity, enthusiasm and leadership, Carol worked with an advantageous team to see this vision come to fruition for the very first festival, and with great success. Everyone had such a great time, there was no question the Festival would become

an annual event.

Yet Carol could not have accomplished all that came to pass had it not been for the committee members listed above, as well as many other supportive people, most notably are those whose names are not listed except by mentioning their crucial role as "the mothers of the Scandinavian Folk Dancers."

Carol, who moved to Eugene a few years after the first festival, passed away in 2009.

# Honorary grand marshal

The 2017 Astoria Scandinavian Midsummer Festival has named Shirley Tinner as honorary grand marshal for the OpTog Walking Parade, to be held 11:30 a.m. Saturday, June 17, at the Clatsop County Fairgrounds.

Tinner was part of the group that founded the original Midsummer Festival fifty years ago.

Born and raised in Astoria, Tinner graduated from Astoria schools and worked as a judicial assistant to Circuit Court Judge Thomas Edison for 23 years.

Tinner's father, Franz Olaf Fransen, was a Swede-Finn and her mother Hilja Maria Eskola a pure Finn. Shirley learned "Uniontown" Finnish and can still speak it. Her only daughter, Kim Supple, was Miss Finland in 1976 and crowned Miss Scandinavia.

When Kim and her classmates Gail Norman and Debbie Obie were in first grade, they joined a Brownie troop. Carol Obie was the troop leader and Nelly Norman and Tinner were assistants. This group is credited with founding the original Astoria Scandinavian Midsummer Festival in 1968.

Tinner was active in the festival for 25 years, chairing the entertainment committee and making programs. She later alternated these duties with Maureen Sundstrom. The leaders of the first festival spent many hours at the Astoria Library researching midsummer traditions in Scandinavia and interviewed local families who had immigrated to the Astoria area from Scandinavia.

Tinner is delighted that the festival continues to be authentic and thrive. She hasn't missed a festival in 50 years, and is pleased that many of traditions her group started fifty years ago are still used today.

These traditions include the hex burning and bonfire, the



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Shirley Tinner

OpTog Walking Parade and the princess speeches focused on "What My National Heritage Means to Me."

Tinner is unable to walk in

the OpTog herself this year but will be represented by Supple and other members of the original Brownie troop that started the festival.



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# 14 annual Running of the Trolls

The Astoria Scandinavian Midsummer Festival is pleased to announce the 14th annual Running of the Trolls run/walk!

We invite you to join us for a walk or run in the beautiful Olney countryside. Proceeds from the race will benefit the Scandinavian Midsummer Festival Association Scholarship Fund.



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Pictured, the top male and female winners of the Running of the Trolls during the Astoria Scandinavian Midsummer Festival, Glen and Venus Fromwiller, shown with Perry Browning, center, the Festival Troll. The Fromwillers are the first married couple top finishers of the 5.75 mile course.

## RACE INFORMATION:

**Race day:** Saturday, June 17, 2017. Race starts at 8:30 a.m. at the fairgrounds parking lot.

**Cost:** \$25 entry fee includes:

**Option 1:** Troll Run T-shirt

**Option 2:** Three-day admission button to the 2017 Astoria Scandinavian Midsummer Festival.

Also included is free parking for Saturday, June 17, and a bottle of water.

**Race day check-in:** 7 a.m. to 8 a.m. at Clatsop County Fairgrounds building entrance.

T-shirts or festival buttons, as well as parking pass and water, are distributed at this time.

**Awards:** Overall top male, female, teen and youth finisher/runner in 5.75-mile run will be awarded trophies.

Course: Leave Clatsop County Fairgrounds parking lot, follow Wal-luski Loop Road to Labiske Lane turn-off, turn around and follow

same route back to fairgrounds. Mostly flat terrain with one gradual hill on a scenic, country road.

**Dogs:** Sorry, no dogs on any of the courses (except registered service or guide dogs).

Distance choice: 1.5-mile run/walk, 3-mile run/walk, or 5.75-mile run.

**Parking:** parking is available at the Clatsop County Fairgrounds. Please let attendants know you are participating in the Troll Run. Saturday parking passes will be handed out upon check-in.

How to register: Fill out registration form and mail with your check to:

Running of the Trolls, P.O. Box 34, Astoria, OR 97103.

**Make checks payable to:** S.M.F.A. Late registration will be at the Festival Information Booth on Friday, June 16, and on race day during check-in from 7 a.m. to 8 a.m.

## KUBB TOURNAMENT

This year, there will be a small Kubb tournament on Saturday, June 17

The four Scandinavian countries that have local cultural clubs will be pitted against each other on the field. The concept is simple: throwing pieces of wood at each other and save the king for last.

There are a few more rules, of course. People play around the world, and there is a world championship tournament in Sweden.

The first world championship tournament was in Gotland in 1995, after the game became more commercially available in the 1980s.

Ten years ago, Eric Anderson started a tournament in Eau Claire, Wisconsin, with 15 teams. That tournament has been growing ever since and had 460 players last year.

Kubb is played by teams of two to six players, two teams per match. However, many players there are on a team, each team will throw six batons at the



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opposing team's "kubbs," small rectangular pieces lined up at the ends of the playing field. Each team throws all of their batons while their opponents watch, and then the opponents pick up any kubbs knocked over. These are thrown back across to the side they will throw at and they knock those over first. (It makes sense in person.)

Once a team is out of kubbs to knock over, they may aim at the king, a larger piece placed in the middle of the field. When the king is down, a winner is declared! Knocking the king down too early is an automatic loss.

Come watch the tournament, or try the game yourself at this year's festival!

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# The Lower Columbia Danish Society

A very popular stop at the Astoria Scandinavian Midsummer Festival is the Lower Columbia Danish Society's booth.

A festival favorite: the Aebleskivers, made on site and served with raspberry jam and powdered sugar. Other Danish delicacies sold at the booth are pickled herring and Frikadeller (a pork meatball served with red cabbage and rye bread). Coffee and punch are also available.

Look for the booth with the cottage front and Danish flags, and enjoy

some delicious Danish treats.

The Lower Columbia Danish Society meets 7 p.m. the first Thursday of each month, September through June. The meetings are held at First Lutheran Church at 33rd Street and Grand Avenue in Astoria.

Anyone is welcome to join the activities. A special event sponsored each year by the Society is Fastelavn, the Danish Mardi Gras. Look for information about this organization and their activities at the booth. Recipes are also available.

## ASTOR LODGE NO. 215 (SWEDISH) SELLS SOUP

In Sweden, pea soup is served on Thursday at homes and schools. It's a tradition. Astor Lodge No. 215 (Swedish) will sell Swedish yellow pea soup for you to enjoy. The booth also sells Swedish ginger cookies, pepperkaker. Still hungry? How about Swedish fish? Enjoy a taste of Sweden served by the lodge.

## AEBLESKIVER EATING CONTEST

A new event at the Astoria Scandinavian Midsummer Festival this year is the Aebleskiver Eating Contest. It will be held 2 p.m. Saturday in the Exhibit Hall, and again 3:30 p.m. Sunday in the arena stage area.

Rules are simple: Participants must be at least 18, sign a waiver and enjoy aebleskivers. Each participant will have two minutes to consume as many aebleskivers as possible. No hands are allowed. Prizes will be awarded to the two winners at each session.

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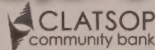


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